

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

**STS-96 crew arrives
for TCDT activities**



**36th Space Congress
focuses on military,
commercial role in space**

▲ **As of press time, the STS-96 crew were due to arrive Monday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m.** for the Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test, scheduled for April 27-29. The schedule of activities for Tuesday, April 27, begins with M113 orientation for the crew, followed by suit checks, plus Shuttle Training Aircraft flights for Commander Kent Rominger and Pilot Rick Husband. The crew will depart on Thursday, April 29, following a simulated T-0 at 11 a.m.

▲ **Countdown to the Millennium** – The 36th Space Congress gets underway at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Radisson Resort at the Port. Topics being addressed are the push to Mars and beyond, the military's changing role in space and commercial access to space. The three-day event includes paper sessions by Denise DeVito, Sara Morrison, James Patterson, Susan White, Gary Dahlke, Jean Abernathy, Willilam Hoffman, Timothy Moore, Jerry Jorgensen, Fiorin Zeviar, Charles Debelius, Michael Suffredini, Michael Haddad, Scott Chandler, Brewster Shaw, Dr. Robert Williams, Gus Koerner, Lance Erickson, Ron Caswell, Howard Levine, Dian Hardison and Betty Preece, among others. The first paper session begins at 2 p.m., April 27. Other activities include panels, exhibits and a regional youth science fair, which is on display every day. The General Chairman of the 36th Space Congress is Rick Abramson, with Delaware North Parks Services.

◆ **Call For Papers** -- The KSC Space Station and Shuttle Payloads Directorate is participating in a conference on Space Station utilization, part of the "Space Technology & Applications International Forum, (STAIF-2000)" to be held Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 2000, at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, N.M.. The directorate is chairing a technical papers session dedicated to "Launch Site Integration of Payloads for International Space Station." Papers are invited in all technical areas. For further information about how to participate in the KSC technical paper session and others, visit the Web site for this conference at <http://www-chne.unm.edu/isnps/staif/staif2000/staif2000.html> (then click on "Call for Papers" and navigate to Page 4, paragraph A5). For more information, please phone Bill Oyler, co-chair, at 867-6052, or via e-mail at william.oyler-1@ksc.nasa.gov; or Maynette Smith, co-chair, at 867-2978, or e-mail maynette.smith-1@ksc.nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know?** The KSC Web page Publishers Photo Corner, which can be reached via <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/captions/hotpics.htm>, now has a direct link to an Apollo 11 photo site. You will find photos recording the historical moon launch and landing. The page also includes another link to the NASA HQ Apollo 11 photo page.

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